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North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Veterinary Division

David T. Marshall, DVM
State Veterinarian

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Mr. Rossie Hayes, Director
Columbus County Animal Shelter
288 Legion Drive
Whiteville, NC 28472

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT
REQUESTED
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Notice of Warning

Re: Violation of Title 02, N.C. Administrative Code Chapter 52JB, Section(s)

Shelter: Columbus County Animal Shelter
288 Legion Drive

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Ms. Pat Sholar, Animal Health Technician with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Animal Welfare Section, Veterinary Division, inspected your facility on May 20, 2010, and determined that the shelter facility may be in violation of state law and regulations. On that date Ms. Sholar found that a significant number of your animal disposition records are inaccurate and/or incomplete. A set of spreadsheets listing specific discrepancies has been enclosed for your convenience. Please note that there are a significant number of records that show that animals in your shelter's possession may have been euthanized before the end of the mandatory 72-hour period under G. S. 130A-92, without entry of any information bringing such action under an exception. Some of these record entries lack information as to proof of ownership. As a courtesy, this information has also been forwarded to the office of the Rabies Control Program, N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

Based on the results of the above visit, you may have violated the following Agriculture regulation:

02 NORTH CAROLINA ADMINSTRATIVE CODE 52J .0101

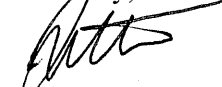
Operators of all animal shelters, pet shops, public auctions, and dealers shall maintain records on all dogs and cats showing the following:

- (1) origin of animals (including names and addresses of consignors) and date animals were received;
- (2) description of animals including species, age, sex, breed, and color markings;
- (3) location of animal if not kept at the licensed or registered facility;
- (4) disposition of animals including name and address of person to whom animal is sold, traded or adopted and the date of such transaction; in the event of death, the record shall

- show the date, signs of illness, or cause of death if identified; if euthanized, the record shall show date and type of euthanasia; and
- (5) record of veterinary care including treatments, immunization and date, time, description of medication (including name and dosage), and initials of person administering any product or procedure.

This letter shall constitute a **WARNING**. If a future violation of these statutes or regulations occurs, it could result in disciplinary action against your facility's certificate of registration pursuant to G.S. 19A-30 or the assessment of a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.00 per violation under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 19A-40.

Sincerely,



Lee Hunter, DVM
Director, Animal Welfare Section

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cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Pat Sholar, Animal Health Technician